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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Subject: Clearance of ORE papers by IAB agencies

Reference: a Assistant Director for Reports and Estimates' memo on subject dated August 11, 1947

1. Since the IAB members individually will not consent to delegate authority to concur or dissent on ORE estimates, it is recommended that the draft memo to members of the IAB, as suggested in reference a, be not forwarded.

2. It is suggested that the best solution to this problem is informally to submit it at the next IAB meeting for consideration. At this meeting pertinent extracts from ORE's "Time required for final coordination with departmental agencies under existing procedure" may be quoted to show the need for revision of the present system.

3. The following concrete proposals are suggested for presentation to the IAB:

a. There should be in ORE one single representative from each agency responsible for securing its views on each ORE estimate. He should maintain the closest possible liaison between his agency and ORE, presenting to each the views of the other to the end that minor substantive changes may not be required. This system has worked well in the past in the case of ORE which is represented in ORE by [redacted] Delays incurred by the State Department have been due in part by the fact that its assigned representative, Colonel Merritt Booth, serves on the JCS located in the Pentagon. If any IAB agency now does not have a representative in ORE who can be assigned this duty, the IAB member concerned should be asked to provide one; if that is impossible, steps should be taken to transfer one acceptable to his agency from another CIG office to ORE.

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b. A definite unvarying length of time between submission of an estimate to the IAR agencies and its publication should be determined. The IAR should be requested to agree that any dissent received subsequent to the deadline date will be forwarded separately upon its receipt, and a notation will be placed upon the estimate that the action of the agency concerned has not yet been taken. In the past it is understood varying time limits have been prescribed by GFE, depending on the timeliness of individual estimates. This procedure is believed to have led to confusion and some misunderstanding on the part of some of the agencies.



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MEMORANDUM TO: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Coordination of Central Intelligence Estimates with the Intelligence Divisions of the State, War and Navy Departments

REFERENCE: Memorandum for the Assistant Director, Reports and Estimates from the Director of Central Intelligence, dated 25 July 1947, Same Subject as Above.

1. Paragraph 3 of reference above requested that suggestions be submitted for revised procedures in the coordination of Central Intelligence Estimates with the Intelligence Divisions of the State, War and Navy Departments if such were considered to be needed.

2. Experience during the past nine months indicates that the procedures now in effect for the accomplishment of the subject coordination are not adequate. Attached is a proposed memorandum for the Members of the IAB, which if approved should provide for proper and timely coordination.

3. It is recommended that the attached memorandum be sent to the Members of the IAB.

Assistant Director
Reports and Estimates

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